

Claim Amendments

1. (original) A portable grilling appliance comprising:  
a first heating unit comprising a first grill plate having a front surface and a back surface, a first electrically-operated heater for heating said first grill plate, and a first housing shell covering said back surface of said first grill plate and said first heater, said first housing shell having a first set of at least three feet for supporting said first heating unit in a generally horizontal orientation when said feet are placed on a horizontal support surface, such as a kitchen counter top; and  
a second heating unit hinged to said first heating unit and comprising a second grill plate having a front surface and a back surface, a second electrically-operated heater for heating said second grill plate, and a second housing shell covering said back surface of said second grill plate and said second heater, said second housing shell having a second set of feet equal to the number of feet in said first set of feet, said second set of feet supporting said second heating unit in a generally horizontal orientation when said second set of feet are placed on a horizontal support surface, such as a kitchen counter top.

2. (original) The grilling appliance of claim 1 wherein said second set of feet have the same shape as said first set of feet.

3. (currently amended) The appliance of claim 1 wherein said both said first grill plate and said second grill plate have [[a]] grids for grilling and shaping waffles.

4. (original) The grilling appliance of claim 1 wherein said second set of feet are located on said second shell in the same position said first set of feet have on said first shell.

5. (original) A portable grilling appliance comprising:

5 a first heating unit comprising a first grill plate having a front surface and a back surface, a first electrically-operated heater for heating said first grill plate, and a first housing shell covering said back surface of said first grill plate and said first heater, said first housing shell having a rear wall and a pair of projections extending from said rear wall for supporting said first heating unit in an upright orientation;

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a second heating unit and comprising a second grill plate having a front surface and a back surface, a second electrically-operated heater for heating said second grill plate, and a second housing shell covering

15 said back surface of said second grill plate and said  
second heater, said second housing shell having a rear  
wall and a pair of projections extending from said rear  
wall for supporting said second heating unit in an  
upright orientation; and

20 a hinge connecting said first heating unit to said  
second heating unit.

6. (currently amended) A portable waffle maker comprising:

5 a first heating unit comprising a first grill  
having a front side provided with a first grid for  
shaping waffles, a first housing covering the sides and  
back of the grill, ~~[[an]]~~ a first electric heater  
located between the first grill and the first housing  
for heating the first grill, and a first set of feet on  
said first housing for supporting said first heating  
unit;

10 a second heating unit comprising a second grill  
having a front side provided with a second grid for  
shaping waffles, a second housing covering the sides  
and back of the second grill, ~~[[an]]~~ a second electric  
heater located between the second grill and the second  
15 housing for heating the second grill, and a second set  
of feet on said second housing for supporting said

[[first]] second heating unit; and

a hinge connecting said first heating unit to said second heating unit so that either one of said heating units can overlie the other of said heating units, said housings of said heating units having substantially the same external appearance.

7. (new) The waffle maker of claim 6 wherein each of said housings has a rear wall and a pair of projections extending from said rear wall for supporting said heating units in an upright orientation.

8. (new) The waffle maker of claim 8 wherein said projections are so located on said housings that said heating units have a natural tendency to pivot toward one another when they are supported in an upright position facing one-another.

9. (new) The waffle maker of claim 6 wherein said two heating units are substantially symmetrical about a horizontal plane extending between them when said heating units are arranged one on top of the other.

10. (new) The waffle maker of claim 9 wherein each of said housings has a rear wall and a pair of projections extending from said rear wall for supporting said heating units in an upright orientation.

11. (new) The waffle maker of claim 10 wherein said

projections are so located on said housings that said heating units have a natural tendency to pivot toward one another when they are supported in an upright position facing one-another.

12. (new) The waffle maker of claim 9 wherein said first set of feet comprises three feet at three respectively different locations and positioned for supporting said first housing in a horizontal orientation and said second set of feet comprise three different feet at three respectively different locations which correspond to the locations of said first set of feet on said first housing.

13. (new) The waffle maker of claim 12 wherein each of said housings has a rear wall and a pair of projections extending from said rear wall for supporting said heating units in an upright orientation.

14. (new) The waffle maker of claim 13 wherein said projections are so located on said housings that said heating units have a natural tendency to pivot toward one another when they are supported in an upright position facing one-another.

15. (new) The waffle maker of claim 5 wherein said projections are so located on said housings that said heating units have a natural tendency to pivot toward one another when they are supported in an upright position facing one-another.